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Point of Interest

Two gallons of used motor oil can provide enough electricity to run the average household for about a day, or....

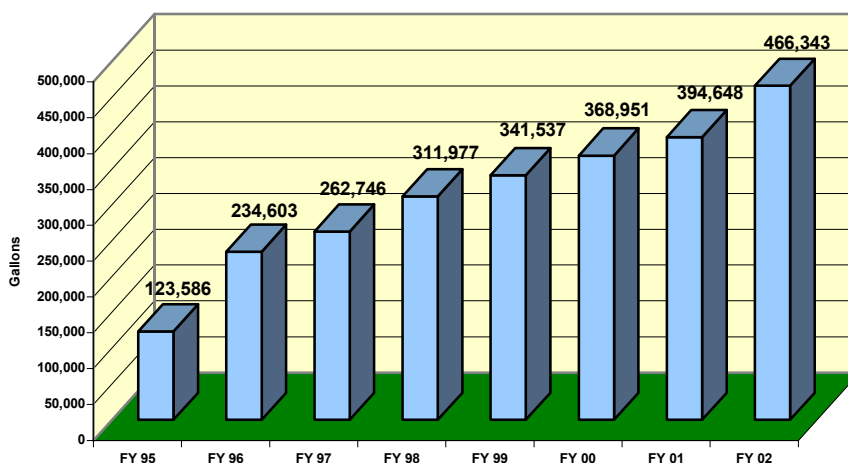
- Cook 48 meals in a microwave oven
- Blow dry your hair 216 times
- Vacuum your house for 15 months
- Watch television for 180 hours.

The Used Oil Drip

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Utahn's are Doing Their Part To Recycle Used Oil

Utah Do-It-Yourselfer Used Oil Collection
(Based on Facility Reimbursement Requests*)



The public is becoming more in tune with recycling. Since Utah's Used Oil Program began with the registration of used oil collection centers in 1994, the quantity of do-it-yourselfer (DIYer) used oil brought into registered used oil collection centers has steadily increased.

The Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste's efforts to educate the public about recycling and the proper means of disposal of used oil is reaping huge dividends. Radio spots and television commercials, along with printed ads and promotions during public events have helped to create an awareness and ethos toward conservation and recycling.

Additional efforts from the local county health departments, schools, scouting groups, and local used oil steering committees have greatly enhanced the collection of used oil from the public. Most importantly, the voluntary participation of the 284 DIYer used oil collection centers around the state has helped to make Utah's used oil program a huge success. Thanks to everyone for their contribution and dedication in helping make Utah a great place to live.

Personnel Changes in Local Health Departments

Since the last edition of *The Used Oil Drip*, several local health departments have had changes to their environmental health program staff involving Utah's Used Oil Program responsibilities.

Mark Williams, an employee with the Davis County Health Department since 1990, has assumed the used oil program duties previously performed by Hal



Fitzgerald, who has retired. Mark is also the Program Lead for Food and Institutional Facilities in Davis County. Prior to moving to Utah, Mark worked in Colorado for the Pueblo City-County Health Department for six years, and then served two years as the Water Quality Section Chief for the Larimer County Health Department. He has been working closely with the Division regarding used oil program issues in Davis County.

Guy Dansie, with the Central Utah Public Health Department, has recently transferred to the newly formed emergency preparedness program which is concerned with handling possible bioterrorism events and other large public health disasters. He will be involved with plan development, personnel training, and agency coordination. The Division will miss Guy's lengthy involvement with the Used Oil Program. However, we look forward to working with his successor, John Vercoe.

Originally from North Carolina, John Vercoe comes to Utah with a diverse background and wide range of experience. He has a B.A. in Biology from UNC-Greensboro and spent 16 years in Emergency Medical Services as a dispatcher, paramedic, supervisor

and instructor. John also was also a licensed surface water treatment plant operator. He is already adding new perspectives and introducing some needed changes to the environmental health program in central Utah, where we don't have hurricanes and the humidity is practically non-existent.

Keith Larsen is now performing bioterrorism and emergency disaster planning for the Bear River Health Department. His replacement in the used oil program is Grant Koford. Grant has been with the Bear River Health Department for 15 years, working on both indoor and outdoor air quality issues, including lead paint and radon. He has also been involved with drinking water concerns, swimming pools and septic tanks. The Division looks forward to working with Grant in the used oil program.

Rich Powell, with the Tri-County Health Department, is the new used oil program contact in Uintah and Daggett counties, and is also responsible for environmental health issues related to public pools, schools, mass gatherings, recreational areas, and drill sites. Rich has a B.S. degree in Environmental Studies from Utah State University and he and his family own a small farm in the Vernal area. He replaces Kathy Bell, who moved to Idaho. The Division staff enjoyed working with Kathy and wish her the best in her new position. We look forward to working with Rich on used oil issues.

The Tri-County Health Department's Duchesne County environmental representative, Ron Malouf, has moved on to greener pastures. His replacement in Roosevelt is Gary Stewart. Gary is primarily in charge of food services and also works in the used oil program as needed. He comes to Utah from Arizona where he worked as an Environmental Health Specialist. Gary also spent 15 years as a chef in various establishments. Welcome to Utah, Gary.

Also, Rod Cosslett, with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department, is the new Environmental Health Director, replacing Bill Dawson, who is now Assistant Department Director.

USED OIL HANDLER CERTIFICATES ARE NOW REQUIRED

The 2002 Utah State Legislature amended the fee schedule requiring used oil permittees to pay an annual used oil registration fee. In accordance with Section 63-38-3.2, Utah Code Annotated, effective July 1, 2002, the following annual registration fees are now required by the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste:

• Used Oil Marketers	\$50.00
• Used Oil Transporters	\$100.00
• Used Oil Transfer Facilities	\$100.00
• Used Oil Processors	\$100.00
• Off-spec Used Oil Burners	\$100.00

The annual fee was due by December 31st for the year 2003 and is mandatory for all companies permitted as used oil handlers. This fee must be paid each year to maintain the registration/permit.

If you have any questions regarding the annual fees, please call Jay Richardson of the Division at (801) 538-6170.

Rolly & Wells “Highlight” Used Oil Program

An article by Rolly & Wells in the December 11, 2002, edition of The Salt Lake Tribune described how an individual complained about not being able to leave an empty used oil container at a used oil collection center after bringing in used oil for recycling. When he was told that it was company policy to not accept used oil containers, he tossed it in the store’s trash dumpster as he left the store and refused to remove it upon request by an employee. The man was later cited at his home for illegal disposal.

The DIYer used oil collection centers are providing a free public service by accepting used oil from the public and should not have the added burden and cost of container disposal. The collection centers pay for their dumpster service and are responsible for the contents of the dumpster, as well as to ensure such contents can legally be placed in dumpsters. Relatively inexpensive and reuseable used oil containers, available at auto parts stores, or most discount, home improvement, or department stores can be used by the individual changing their own oil. Plastic milk containers may also be used, and after being emptied can be either reused for the next oil change or disposed of in their home trash.

Perhaps future newspaper articles can highlight some of the various ongoing success stories regarding the collection and recycling of used oil.



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Wal-Mart to Participate in Utah's Used Oil Program

Wal-Mart management has been working with the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste to register their Utah tire and lube facilities as do-it-yourselfer (DIYer) used oil collection centers. There are presently, 17 Wal-Mart Tire & Lube locations in Utah, with several more planned during the next few years. The Division hopes to have the Wal-Mart registrations completed by the end of January 2003.

Used Oil Steering Committee Meetings

Due to budget cuts during the past fiscal year, the fall used oil steering committee meetings were not held. However, it is hopeful that the spring meetings will be held between March and May of 2003. Information regarding the meetings will be sent out several weeks prior to the meetings so that committee members will be able to make plans to attend and provide new ideas to improve the used oil program.